

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Victor C. Moreno, on September 22, 2009. See attached Interview Summary Form .

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (see amendment filed on 07/02/2009):

In claim 19, line 9: after "bore" and before "a" deleted "with" and inserted instead - - , the elongate bore having a longitudinal axis and - - and further in the same line, immediately after "cross-section" and before "," inserted - - orthogonal to the longitudinal axis - - for consistency with the previously entered amendment and to clarify applicant's invention.

In claim 28, line 9: after "bore" and before "a" deleted "with" and inserted instead - - , the elongate bore having a longitudinal axis and - - and further in the same line, immediately after "cross-section" and before "," inserted - - orthogonal to the longitudinal axis - - for consistency with the previously entered amendment and clarity.

In claim 32, line 5: immediately after "guide" and before "," inserted - - extending laterally from the riser - - for consistency with the previously entered amendment and clarity.

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In claim 32, line 6: immediately after "location" and before ";" inserted - - and the first targeting guide being spaced from the bone plate when the riser is attached to the bone plate - - for consistency with the previously entered amendment and clarity.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached at (571) 272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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